

REMARKS

Claims 8, 15 and 16 remain pending in the application and are allowed.

The specification has been amended to correct an error in the status of related application Serial No. 08/891,456 and to more particularly state the relationship between Int'l Patent App. Ser. No. PCT/US99/13666 and U.S. Patent App. Ser. No. 09/099,713. The specification has further been amended to reflect that U.S. App. Ser. No. 08/933,566 is a continuation-in-part of U.S. App. Ser. No. 09/462,656.

Entry of this Amendment and allowance of claims 8, 15, and 16 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

By Patricia A. Limbach
Patricia A. Limbach
Registration No. 50,295

RYAN KROMHOLZ & MANION, S.C.
Post Office Box 26618
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226
(262) 783 - 1300
1 December 2004
Customer No.: 26308

A-Med/1676-CIP 3041201 AMENDMENT D

Enclosures: RCE Transmittal
 Return Postcard